

Sullivan County Delegation

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

1.0 MEETING OPENS 8:38AM, IN CONCORD NH, AT THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BLDG.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

The following Delegation Members attended:

Present	Absent
Bowers	Lefebvre
Cloutier	Lovett
Cunningham	Schmidt
Gagnon	
Howard	
LaCasse	
Laware	
Osgood	
Rodeschin	
Smith	

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

3.0 UNITY TAX PENALTY ABATEMENT 8:39AM

Representative Osgood made a motion to refund \$293.43 paid by Unity to Sullivan County for interest resulting from a late county tax payment (seconded by Representative Gagnon). Rep. Osgood explained that the late payment arose from a computer failure, and subsequent down time. Discussion for and against followed.

3.1 Points in favor of refunding

- The tech failure was beyond Unity's control
- Unity has a good payment history
- Unity has other problems now
- Unity has a small staff and infrastructure

3.2 Points against refunding

- If Unity had managed the time frame better, the tech failure may not have been an issue
- Other towns have paid late and never asked for a refund of late penalties
- Other towns are smaller than Unity (Croydon) and never asked for a refund
- Granting the refund may set a bad precedent and discourage other towns from timely payments.

3.3 Discussion ended as a result of Representative Osgood moving that the question be called (seconded by Representative LaCasse). Voice vote to call question passes unanimously.

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3.4 Motion – To refund \$293.43 to Unity. Motion fails 6-4. Roll call vote:

No	Yes
Bowers	Cloutier
Cunningham	Gagnon
Howard	LaCasse
Laware	Osgood
Rodeschin	
Smith	

4.0 COUNTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE 9:00AM


Rep. Rodeschin (Chair) advised the delegation that there is potentially a bill to split county tax payment, and that we should consider the ramifications to both the county and our towns.

5.0 DELEGATION REIMBURSEMENT

Representative Osgood makes a motion that delegation reimbursement be set at \$.485 per mile, and \$15 per day. The Chair emphasized that this only applies to county-specific travel. After brief discussion the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6.0 MEETING ADJOURNS 9:02AM

Respectfully submitted on Wednesday February 16, 2011 by



~~Representative Steven Smith, Clerk~~

Date minutes approved @ the: April 20, 2011 meeting.